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1. EMBASSY SOUGHT RECONFIRMATION OF OECD COUNTRIES' POSITION

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AS PERCEIVED BY UNITED STATES (REFTEL) FROM MANGAZZINI, ITALIAN
FOREIGN MINISTRY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CHIEF AT HIS EARLIEST

AVAILABILITY, MORNING OF DECEMBER 29, PRESENTING POINTS IN FORM OF AIDE MEMOIRE.

2. MANGAZZINI RESPONDED ON BASIS OF DECEMBER 10 EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES (ECC) CONSULTATIONS IN BRUSSELS ON THIS SUBJECT, NOTING HOWEVER THAT ONE COUNTRY (WE PRESUME FRANCE) DID NOT PARTICIPATE, AND THAT CONSULTATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT WILL THEREFORE BE DIFFICULT IN BRUSSELS. MANGAZZINI SAID THAT ON BASIS OF DECEMBER 10 BRUSSELS MEETING, THERE IS CLEAR AGREEMENT ON WEIGHTED VOTING FORMULA PARA 3 REFTTEL. HE COMMENTED THAT SOME COUNTRIES, INCLUDING ITALY, ARE NOT HAPPY ABOUT SMALL NUMBER OF VOTES GIVEN THEM, BUT THEY AGREE ON BASIS THAT THIS IS BEST THEY CAN GET FROM UNITED STATES. BRUSSELS MEETING ALSO INDICATED CLEAR AGREEMENT ON RESTRICTED ACCEPTANCE OF USE OF NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, PARAGRAPH 5 REFTTEL, ALTHOUGH MANGAZZINI DID NOT HAVE EXACT PHRASING.

3. ON QUORUM AND MAJORITY REQUIREMENTS FOR GOVERNING COUNCIL AND EXECUTIVE BOARD, MANGAZZINI SAID THESE HAD NOT BEEN DISCUSSED IN BRUSSELS MEETING, AND HE WAS NOT FULLY INFORMED. HE COMMENTED THAT THESE SEEMED TOO DETAILED FOR COORDINATION AT THIS STAGE, AND SUGGESTED THEY BE DISCUSSED AT JANUARY 14 MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF OECD COUNTRIES IN ROME.

4. MANGAZZINI REPORTED THAT BRUSSELS MEETING DECEMBER 10 HAD ACCEPTED UN SPECIALIZED AGENCY STATUS FOR INTERNATIONAL FUND RELUCTANTLY, AS BEST THAT COULD BE WORKED OUT. IT HAD ALSO STRONGLY ENDORSED PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION OF VOTING WITHIN EACH OF THREE CATEGORIES OF MEMBER STATES.

5. MANGAZZINI RAISED QUESTION ABOUT APPLICATION OF CATEGORY A VOTING FORMULA TO EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET, SHOULD COMMON MARKET COUNTRIES ELECT TO ACT AS GROUP OF STATES RATHER THAN INDIVIDUALLY. PRECEDENTS WOULD PRESUMABLY BE RELEVANT TO VOTING FORMULA FOR OPEC AS WELL. MANGAZZINI DROPPED ISSUE, HOWEVER, SAYING THAT COMMON MARKET STILL HAS NOT TAKEN POSITION ON MATTER. VOLPE

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